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I. THOMAS GRAY.

LONG and careful researches have been made by myself, and for me by the late Horatio G. Somerby, into the ancestry of Parnel Gray, wife of Increase Nowell, and into all the connections of her mother Katharine Coytmore, who came to this country a widow. I luckily found at the Principal Registry of Probate, London, the wills of both her husbands, who died in England, which are here printed. The register of Harwich, in Essex, has been examined, and contains so many Grays that there has been trouble in arranging the line of descent. It seems, however, to begin with THOMAS¹ GRAY, who had a son THOMAS² GRAY who was father of RICHARD³ GRAY and JOHN³ GRAY. RICHARD³ GRAY, by wife Susan had THOMAS⁴ GRAY, baptized at Harwich, August 18, 1572; and died in 1602, leaving widow Josuan, who married secondly, November 2, 1603, Christopher Johns.

THOMAS⁴ GRAY, born in 1572, married Katharine, daughter and coheir-ess of Robert Miles,* of Sutton, in Suffolk, and died at Harwich, in 1607, buried May 7. Children:

- i. SUSAN, baptized at Harwich, January 31, 1593.
- ii. THOMAS, baptized at Harwich, May 4, 1595; was of Wapping, mariner; died in 1627.
- iii. ROBERT, baptized at Harwich, October 8, 1598; buried November 27, 1598.
- iv. PARNEL, born about 1602; married — Parker, who died before 1626, leaving a daughter, and she married (secondly, Increase Nowell, and died at Charlestown, March 25, 1687; he died Nov. 1, 1655.
- v. KATHARINE, born about 1604; married Thomas Graves; d. at Charlestown, February 21, 1682; he had the title of Admiral, and d. July 31, 1653.

II. ROWLAND COYTMORE.

Katharine, widow of Thomas Gray, of Harwich, married there December 23, 1610, ROWLAND COYTMORE, of Wapping, widower. He was undoubtedly of Welsh descent, a member, I presume, of the family of Coetmor,

* Alice, the other daughter and coheir-ess of Robert Miles, married Thomas Wiseman of Canfield in Essex, and was mother of William, created a Baronet August 29, 1628, ancestor of the present Sir William Wiseman, Baronet.

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whose genealogy may be read in Volume II. of the "Heraldic Visitations of Wales," &c., 1846. We find there a Rowland of about 1600, who had a sister Alis, wife of Hugh ab John Wyn, which Alis is almost certainly the same as Elizabeth, mother of Hugh Hughes, alias Gwyn, named later Be this as it may, we find Rowland Coitmore as a grantee in the second charter of Virginia, May 23, 1609. He lived at Wapping, and had a first wife Dorothy Harris. He died in 1626, and his widow came to New England in 1636 or 1637, settling at Charlestown, where she was admitted to the church in 1638, and died Nov. 28, 1659, an aged widow. Children :

- i. THOMAS, b. —; married at Wapping, June 24, 1635, Martha, dau. of Captain William Rainsborough; was a sea-captain; came to Charlestown, Mass., in 1636; member of the Artillery Company of Boston, 1639; admitted to the Church of Charlestown, February 16, 1640; freeman of the Colony of Massachusetts, May 13, 1640; Deputy to the General Court, 1640 and 1641; was lost by shipwreck, December 27, 1644,* on the coast of Wales, i. e. Spain, not Wales, as has been written. He had three children : 1. Katharine, b. and d. at Wapping in 1636; 2. Thomas, b. at Charlestown in 1642, died young; 3. William, b. and d. at Charlestown in 1644. His widow married secondly in December, 1647, Governor John Winthrop, who died March 26, 1649, and she married thirdly, March 10, 1652, John Coggan, of Boston, who died in 1658.
- ii. ELIZABETH, b. —; married William Tyng, who died at Boston, January 18, 1653.

Thomas Gray.

In the name of God Amen, The xvith day of August in the yeare of the Raigne of our soveraigne Lord James by the grace of God of England Scotland Fraunce and Ireland Kinge defendo^r of the faith &c that is to saye of England Fraunce and Ireland the foureth And of Scotlande the fortye And in the yere of our Lorde God one thousand six hundred and sixe I Thomas Gray of the Borrough of Harwich in the County of Essex and Diocesse of London being somewhat weake in body but in good and pfect remembraunce thancks be given to almightie God therefore, Callinge to my mind the instabilitie of this mortall life, and intending to dispose of such landes tenements hereditaments and other substance after my decease where-with it hath pleased almightie God of his goodness to endowe me in this world do make ordeyne and declare this my last will and Testament in manner and forme following that is to saie. First I doe yeild and bequeath my soule into the hands of almightie God, hoping through the merrits death and passion of our Lorde and saviour Christe Jesus to have full pardon and remission of all my synnes, and my body to be commytted to christian buriall at the discrecion of my Executrix. Item I doe give bequeath and devise unto Katherine my wife All my moyetie parte and purparte of all and singuler those messuags lands tenements and hereditaments whatsoever with all and singuler their appurtenances aswell free as bonde or coppihoulde or custymary tenute scituate lieinge and beinge in Sutton in the Countie of Suff. which late were of Robert Miles late of Sutton Yeoman deceased father of the said Katherine my wife, th'other moyetie part or purparte whereof one Thomas Wyseman Esquire my brother in law now houldeth, To have and to hould my saide moyetie parte and purparte of all and singuler the saide messuags lands Tennements and hereditaments with all and singuler th'appurtenances unto the saide Katherine

* On his will he used a seal with the arms of Coytmore of Coytmore, Carnarvon, viz.: Gules, a chevron between three stags' heads cabossed Argent, a crescent for difference.

my wife and her assigns for and during the time and terme of her naturall life, And after the decease of the saide Katherine my wife I doe give will and bequeath my said moyetie parte or purparte of all and singuler the said messuags lands tenements and heriditaments with th'appurteñnes unto Thomas Gray my sonne To have and to hould to the said Thomas Gray and to the heires of his bodie lawfullie begotten. And if it shall happen the saide Thomas Gray my sonne to die withoute heires of his bodie lawfully begotten, Then I will ordeyne and devise by these presents That my saide moyetie parte or purparte of all and singuler the saide messuags lands tenements and heriditaments with th'appurteñnes shall whollie remaine and be unto Suzan Gray Parnell Gray and Katherine Gray my daughters and to the heires of their bodies lawfullie begotten. And if it shall happy my saide daughters to die without heires of their bodies lawfully begotten, Then I will and ordeyne that all and singuler the p'misses before willed and devised shall whollie remaine to the saide Katherine my wife and her heires for ever. Provided alwayes that if the saide Katherine my wief at any tyme hereafter shall thinke meet and convenient for the better good proffitt and advancement of her selfe and of my saide children to make sale of my saide moyetie parte and purparte of all the said messuags lands tenements heriditaments and other the p'misses with th'appurteñnes either for and towards the purchasinge buyenge of thother moyetie parte or purparte of the saide messuags lands tenements and heriditaments with th'appurteñnes which the saide Thomas Wiseman my brother in law doe nowe hould or of any other lands and tenements whatsoever, Then my full true intent and meaning is, And I doe will ordeyne and devise by these p'nts that my saide moyetie parte or purparte of all and singuler the saide messuags lands tennements and heriditaments with appurtenances shall be sold by my saide wife to and for the best proffitt and advantage that may be had for the same, And the money arisinge growinge and cominge of for and uppon the sale thereof to be used bestowed employed and disposed for and towards the purchasing and buyenge either of the saide other moyetie parte or purparte of the saide messuags lands tennements and heriditaments which the saide Thomas Wiseman nowe houldeth at of any other lands or Tennements whatsoever, w^{ch} saide lands Tennements and heriditaments to be purchased and bought as aforesaid I will and ordaine by these p'nts to be assured and conveyed by good and lawfull writings surrenders assuraunces and conveyances in the law accordinge to the nature of the tenure of the p'misses in manner and forme followinge, That is to saie, to the saide Katherine my wife and her assigns for and during the terme of her naturall life, And after her decease to the saide Thomas Gray my sonne and to the heires of his bodie lawfullie begotten, And for defaulte and wante of such heires to the said Suzan Gray Parnell Gray and Katherine Gray my saide daughters and to their heires of their bodies lawfullie begotten, And for want of such heires to remaine to the next heires of the said Katherine my wife for ever. And I doe further will and ordaine by these p'nts That the said Katherine my wife before she doe make anie sale of the saide moyetie parte or purparte of the saide lands tennements and heriditaments shall become bounden to my Supvisor hereafter named in this my last will and Testament in one writinge obligatory in the somme of One Thowsand poundes of lawfull English money with condiçôn thereuppon to be indorsed for the true pforminge accomplishing and fulfilling of all things especified and conteyned in this my last will and Testament of her parte to be done accomplished and fulfilled according to the true intent purporte and plaine mean-

inge of the same. And if the saide Katherine my wife shall nott become bounden or refuse to become bounden in manner (and) forme aforesaide, Then my will and true intent is, and I doe will and ordaine by these p^{nts} That any such bargaine and sale to be made as aforesaide of my saide moyetic parte or purparte of the said messuags lands tenements and hereditaments with th'appurtenances or of any or every parte or pcell thereof to be utterly voide and of none effect to all intents and purposes and she utterly disabled to make any such sale thereof, And that my former gifts and devises above made of the same and of every parte and pcell thereof to my saide wife and children shall stande and remaine in their full force and effect, Anie thinge in these p^{nts} conteyned to the contrary notwithstandinge. Item I do give and bequeath unto the saide Suzan Gray my daughter the somme of one hundreth pounds of lawfull English money to be paide to her by my Executrix when she shall accomplish her full age of xvij^{ea} yeres (if she shall happen to live so longe). Item I doe give and bequeath unto the saide Parnell Gray my daughter the like somme of one hundreth poundes of like English money to be paide her by my Executrix at her full age of xvij^{ea} yeres (if she shall happen to live so longe.) Item I give and bequeath unto the saide Katherine Gray my daughter the like somme of one hundreth pounds of like English money to be paide unto her by my saide Executrix at her full age of eightene yeres (if she the saide Katherine shall happen to live so long.) The residue of my goodes and Chattells plate money Jewells moveables utensills and household stufe unbequeathed I doe whollie give and bequeath to the saide Katherine my wife towards the payment of my saide legacies and discharging of my debts, which saide Katherine my wife I doe ordeyne constitute and make my sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament. And I further constitute and ordaine Hugh Branham clerke to be the Supvisor of the same, giving and bequeathing unto him f^{or} his paines and labour the somme of thre poundes.

In witnesse whereof I the saide Thomas Gray have to ev^{ry} sheete of pap of this my last will and Testament conteyning in all six sheets of paper putt to my handes the day and yere above written. THOMAS GRAY.

These being witnesses hereunto.

Anthony Branham. Richard Reynolds. John Moore his marke.

Proved at London 29 June 1607.

Rowland Coytmore.

In the name of God Amen The fiveth daye of June Anno Dñi one thousand sixe hundred twentie sixe And in the second yeare of the Raigne of our Sovereigne lord Charles by the grace of God King of England Scotland Fraunce and Ireland defendo^r of the faith etc. I Rowland Coytmore of Wapping in the Countie of Midd. marriner being in good and perfect health and memory laud and praise bee given to God for the same doe make and declare this my last Will and testament in manner and forme followinge that is to saie First and principally above all earthly thinges I commend my soule to the allmightie God my maker and creator and to his Sonne Christ Jesus my Saviour and Redeemer, hoping and stedfastly assuring myselfe that thorough the meritts bitter death and passion w^{ch} my Savi^{or} suffered for mee to bee one of Gods elect in heaven there to receave life everlasting. My body I comend to the earth wherof it was made and as touching and concerning the disposicon of all and singuler such worldly goods and substance w^{ch} God hath endued we wthall I give and bequeath the same as followeth vizt.

Item I give & bequeath unto my loveing Sonne Thomas Coytmore and to his heires and assignes for ever All that my messuage or Tenement and all my lands hereditaments and appteines thereunto belonging aswell freehold as Coppinghold Scituate lying and being in the mannor of Milton in the parish of Prittlewell als Pricklewell in the countie of Essex now in the tenure and occupation of John Greene together wth fower kedles* lying and being at Southend in the aforesaid mannor now in the tenure and occupacōn of — Crips.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said sonne Thomas Coytmore and to his heires and assignes for ever All that my farme and Coppinghold land wth th'appurtenances thereunto belonging conteyning forty and fower acres or thereabouts scituate lying and being in the parish of great Bursted in the Countie of Essex all wth said coppinghold land before by mee given and bequeathed unto my said Sonne Thomas Coytmore I have according to the custome of the said Manno^r surrendered to the lymitaçōn and use of this my last will and testament Provided allwaies and never the lesse my mind will and mening is that my wife Katherin Coytemore shall have and enjoy to her owne use and behoofe the aforesaid messuag or tenement Kedles Farme and coppinghold lands wth th'appetenes thereunto belonging before by mee given and bequeathed unto my said Sonne Thomas Coytmore And shall have receive and take the rents issues profits and benefitts thereof untill my said Sonne shall accomplish his age of one and twentie yeares But neverthelesse upon condiçōn that my said wife Katherin Coytemore shall satisfy and paie out of the Rents of the said messuage or tent. Kedles Farme and coppinghold lands wth their appurtenances (as the same shall grow due and payable) unto my daughter Elizabeth Coytemore the sōme of threescore pounds of lawfull money of England when she shall accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares or bee married w^{ch} which shall first happen.

Item my will mind and meaning is that my said daughter Elizabeth Coytemore before she receive the said sōme of threescore pounds shall give sufficient bond and put in sufficient suretie to repay the said sōme of threescore pounds unto my said wife if my said Sonne Thomas shall happen to depart this life before he shall accomplish his full age of one and twentie yeares For then and in such case my said Sonne Thomas Coytmore dying my mind and will is that my said daughter Elizabeth shall have and enjoy to the onely proper use and behoofe of her and her heires and assignes for ever all that my foresaid messuag or tenement, Kedles Farme and Coppinghold land wth th'appetenes thereunto belonging aswell scituate lying and being in the parish of Prittlewell als Pricklewell as in the pish of great Bursted aforesaid before by mee geven and bequeathed to my said Sonne Thomas Coytemore.

Item I give and bequeath unto my said daughter Elizabeth Coytmore and to her heires and assignes for ever All that my messuage or Tenement and backside wth th'appurtenances thereunto belonging aswell freehold as coppinghold commonly called and knowne by the signe of the blew boare scituate and being in the towne or parish of Retchford in the Countie of Essex aforesaid now in the tenure and occupacōn of William Ashwell als Hare Which said messuage or tenement and backside wth the appurtenances or such pte thereof as is Coppinghold I have according to the custome of the said Manno^r surrendered in the hands of the Lord to the lymitaçōn and use of this my last will & testament.

* Kedles or Kidells are weirs to catch fish.

Item my will is that my Executrix hereunder named shall sell the said messuag or tenement wth the appurtenances thereunto belonging to the use profit and behoofe of my said daughter Elizabeth my said Executrix putting in good securitie to my Overseers to buy wth the said money that she shall receive for the same as good or better purchase for my said daughter and to the use of her and her heires onely forever. Provided allwaies and my will is That if it happen my said daughter Elizabeth to dye or decease out of this p^{nt}e life before she shall accomplish the age of one and twentie yeares or bee married That then the said messuag or tenement Backside and premisses called and knowne by the signe of the blew boare aforesaid soe to her bequeathed or such other purchase as shalbe purchased for the same shall descend come and remaine unto my aforesaid Sonne Thomas Coytmore and to his heires and assignes for ever.

Item my mind and meaninge is that my said wife Katherin Coytmore shall alsoe have and enjoy the aforesaid messuag or tenement Backside and appurtenances before by mee given and bequeathed unto my said daughter Elizabeth and shall have receive and take the rents issues profits and benefitts thereof untill my said daughter Elizabeth shall accomplish her age of one and twentie yeares or bee married (w^{ch} of either of the said tymes shall first happen to come or bee) for and towards the maintenance appelling and well bringing up of my said daughter according as shall seeme fitting and to the likeing of my Overseers.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Sonne in lawe Thomas Gray and to his heires and assignes for ever All those my two copyhold Tenements wth their appurtenances scituate lying and being wthin the parish of Rederith als Rederiff in the countie of Surrey now in the severall tenures and occupations of Francis Welbey and John Moore the w^{ch} copyhold tenements I have according to the custome of the said man^{or} surrendered into the hands of the Lord to the lymita^{ti}on and use of this my last will and testament.

Item my mind is that if it shall happen the aforesaid some of threescore pounds shall not bee satisfied and paid unto my said daughter Elizabeth Coytmore before my said sonne Thomas Coytmore shall accomplish his age of one and twentie yeares That then my said Sonne shall satisfie and paie the same And if he refuse to paie then I doe recall from my said Sonne All my freehold land before to him bequeathed and doe give and bequeath the same unto my Executrix hereunder named to bee sold by her for the payment of the said some of fowerscore pounds unto my said daughter Elizabeth as aforesaid.

Item my will is that if it shall happen all my Children and Childrens children to dye or decease out of this p^{te} life before mee or before they shall accomplish their severall ages of one and twentie yeares or bee married then all my foresaid lands shall remayne come & bee unto my kinsman Hugh Hughs als Gwyn my Sister Elizabeths Sonne.

Item I give and bequeath unto my Grandson William Ball the sonne of William Ball* the some of fortie shillings and unto the aforesaid Hugh Hughes als Gwyn three pounds and unto my daughter in lawe daughter Dorothy Lamberton† fortie shillings to bee paid unto them severally wthin one yeare after my decease if they shalbe liveing.

Item I give and bequeath unto the poore of Wapping three pounds and to the poore of the upper hamlett of Whitechapple the some of fortie shillings to bee paid to them severally wthin one month after my decease.

* He probably married a daughter of Rowland Coytmore by his first wife.

† She may have been daughter of Susan, the eldest daughter of Thomas Gray, otherwise only mentioned in his will.

Item I give and bequeath unto the M^r of the Trynoty house for their poore the some of ten pounds to bee paid wthin one yeare after my decease.

Item the rest and Residue of all and singuler my goods chattells leases shipping and all other things and substance whatsoever to mee belonging and not bequeathed I doe give and bequeath unto my foresaid wife Katherin Coytemore Whom I doe nominate my full and sole Executrix of this my last will and testament and gardian unto my aforesaid children. And I doe nominate and appoint my Sonnes in law Thomas Gray and William Rainsborough* of Wapping aforesaid marrin's overseers hereof entreating them to be carefull in seeing the same performed and I doe give to each of them forty shillings a peece for their paines to bee taken therein.

In witnes whereof I have hereunto sett my hand and seale the daie and yeare first above written.

ROWLAND COYTEMORE.

Read signed sealed and as the last will and testament of the said Rowland Coytemore published and delivered in the presents of Raph Bower Pub. Scr. John Wheatley ser^t to the said Scr.

Proved at London 24 November 1626.

* Judith, wife, probably second, of Capt. William Rainsborough, may have been a dau. of Rowland Coytemore by his first wife.





